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Report Highlights:

The report focuses on export certificates required by Thai government agencies for several products including 54 items of unprocessed and processed food, popcorn, fruit and vegetable, live animals, pet foods, boneless beef, processed beef product/cooked poultry meat, other processed meat products, boneless meat, processed or frozen seafood, and hides and skins. Section Update: All canned or preserved meat and poultry products (2.10, 3.10, and 4.10); Distillers Dried Grain (2.11, 3.11, and 4.11).

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SECTION I. LIST OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

| Product(s) | Title of Certificate | Attestation Required on Certificate | Purpose | Requesting Ministry |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| 54 items of unprocessed and processed food: 1. Infant food and uniform food for infant and children 2. Supplementary food for infant and | 1. Certificate of Free Sale | There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent. | Food safety | Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) |
| for infant and children 3. Modified milk for infant and uniform modified milk for infant and children 4. Ice 5. Drinking water in sealed containers 6. Beverage in sealed containers 7. Food in sealed containers 8. Cow's milk 9. Cultured milk 10. Ice cream 11. Flavored milk 12. Milk products 13. Food additives 14. Food color 15. Food flavoring substances 16. Sodium cyclamate and food containing sodium cyclamate 17. Food for weight control 18. Tea 19. Coffee 20. Fish sauce 21. Water by-products from manufacturing of monosodium glutamate 22. Natural mineral water 23. Vinegar 24. Edible oil and fat derived from animal | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |
| or vegetable 25. Peanut oil 26. Cream 27. Butter oil | | | | |

| Product(s) | Title of Certificate | Attestation Required on Certificate | Purpose | Requesting Ministry |
|---|-------------------------|---|-------------|------------------------|
| 28. Butter | | | | |
| 29. Cheese | | | | |
| 30. Ghee | | | | |
| 31. Margarine | | | | |
| 32. Semi-processed food33. Some particular | | | | |
| sauces | | | | |
| 34. Palm oil | | | | |
| 35. Coconut oil | | | | |
| 36. Mineral drink | | | | |
| 37. Soybean milk in | | | | |
| sealed containers | | | | |
| 38. Chocolate | | | | |
| 39. Jam, jelly, marmalade | | | | |
| in sealed containers 40. Food for special | | | | |
| purpose | | | | |
| 41. Quicklime soaked | | | | |
| egg | | | | |
| 42. Royal jelly and Royal | | | | |
| jelly products | | | | |
| 43. Products from the | | | | |
| hydrolysis or | | | | |
| fermentation of | | | | |
| soybean protein 44. Honey (except where | | | | |
| the place of | | | | |
| manufacturing does | | | | |
| not fall under | | | | |
| description of a | | | | |
| factory) | | | | |
| 45. Fortified rice | | | | |
| 46. Brown rice flour | | | | |
| 47. Salted water for food | | | | |
| flavoring 48. Sauce in sealed | | | | |
| containers | | | | |
| 49. Bread | | | | |
| 50. Gum and candy | | | | |
| 51. Processed agar and | | | | |
| jelly | | | | |
| 52. Garlic products | | | | |
| 53. Flavor and scent additives | | | | |
| 54. Frozen food | | | | |
| Popcorn | Certificate of | There is no specific attestation | Food safety | Food and Drug |
| 1 • | Free Sale | statement. Any statements that | | Administration |
| | | indicate the wholesomeness of | | (FDA), |
| | | the product and manufacturing | | Ministry of Public |
| | | process that meets Good | | Health (MOPH) |
| | | Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent. | | |
| | | or equivalent. | | |

| Product(s) | Title of Certificate | Attestation Required on Certificate | Purpose | Requesting Ministry |
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| | 2. Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection | There is no specific attestation statement. Any statement that indicates negative test result of non-gmo contaminated. | Proof of product sample being tested for Non-GMO. | Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) |
| | 3. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |
| Fruit and vegetable | 1. Phytosanitary Certificate | Statements vary for different varieties of products | Plant health protection | Department of Agriculture (DOA), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) |
| | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate the goods are manufactured in U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |
| Live Animals | 1. Animal Health Certificate | Statements vary for different varieties of products | Animal health protection | Department of Livestock Development (DLD), Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC) |
| Pet Foods | 1. Certificate of Free Sale | There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent. | Food Safety | Food and Drug Administration |
| Boneless Beef, Processed Beef Product/ Cooked Poultry meat | 1. Certificate of Free Sale | There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) | Food Safety | Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |

| Product(s) | Title of Certificate | Attestation Required on Certificate | Purpose | Requesting Ministry |
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| | | or equivalent. | | |
| | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in which states of U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |
| | 3. FSIS Export Certificate | Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process. | Proof of wholesomene ss inspection | Department of Livestock Development (DLD) |
| | 4. Letterhead Certificate | All listed statements must be compliance with 14 import requirements imposed by DLD. | Assure compliance on all importing conditions | Department of Livestock Development (DLD) |
| | 5. Export Verification (only required for boneless beef) | Any statements that indicate the specified plant has been approved on USDA Quality System Assessment (QSA) program. | Proof of approved plant by Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) | Department of Livestock Development (DLD) |
| Other Processed Meat Products | 1. Certificate of Free Sale | There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent. | Food safety | Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) |
| | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | Import-Export Inspection Division – Food and Drug Administration (FDA) |
| Processed or Frozen Seafood | 1. Certificate of Sanitation & Free Sale | There is no specific attestation statement. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or equivalent | Food Safety | |

| Product(s) | Title of Certificate | Attestation Required on Certificate | Purpose | Requesting Ministry |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | |
| Hides and Skins | Health Certificate | Specific statements according to Article 2.2.1.5 in OIE terrestrial animal health code | Assure compliance on all importing conditions | |
| | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in which states of U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | |
| All canned or preserved meat and poultry products | FSIS Export Certificate | Specific statements: The canned or preserved meat and poultry products are heat treated and achieve commercial sterility (shelf stability) in accordance with FSIS canning regulations cited in 9 CFR 318.300 and 381.300. | Assure heat treatment on production process | |
| | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in which states of U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being shipped. | |
| Distillers Dried Grains | 1. Phytosanitary Certificate | There is no specific attestation statement. Any statement that indicates that plant product is considered to be free from quarantine pests, and to conform with current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests | Plant Health Protection | |
| | 2. Certificate of Origin | There is no specific statement. Any statements that indicate that goods are manufactured in which states of U.S. | To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise | |

| Product(s) | Title of Certificate | Attestation Required on Certificate | Purpose | Requesting Ministry |
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| | | | being shipped. | |

SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATE(S)

2.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

(a) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation

Purpose of the certificate: Food safety

Requesting office: FDA

(b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped

Requesting office: FDA

2.2 Popcorn

(a) Name of certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation

Purpose of the certificate: Food Safety

Requesting office: FDA

(b) <u>Name of certificate</u>: Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection <u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: Proof of product sample being tested for Non-GMO

Requesting office: FDA

(c) Name of certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped

Requesting office: FDA

2.3 Fruit and Vegetables

(a) Name of certificate: Phytosanitary Certificate

<u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: Plant health control and protection

Requesting office: MOAC/DOA

(b) Name of certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped

Requesting office: FDA

2.5 Pet foods

(a) <u>Name of certificate</u>: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation

Purpose of the certificate: Food Safety

Requesting office: FDA

2.6 Boneless Beef/ Processed beef product and Cooked Poultry Meat

(a) Name of certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation

<u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: Food safety <u>Requesting office</u>: MOAC/FDA

(b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped

Requesting office: FDA

(c) Name of Certificate: FSIS Export Certificate

Purpose of the certificate: Proof of wholesomeness inspection

Requesting office: DLD

(d) Name of Certificate: Letterhead Certificate

Purpose of the certificate: Assure compliance on all importing conditions

Requesting office: DLD

(e) <u>Name of Certificate</u>: Export Verification (Required only for boneless beef importation) <u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: Proof of approved plant by Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Requesting office: DLD

2.7 Other Processed Meat Products

(a) Name of certificate: Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). However, any of the following certificates are acceptable: a) GMP by Thai Law; b) GMP by CODEX; c) HACCP; d) ISO 9000; and e) other practice. In the case of the United States, the FDA also accepts the Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation

<u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: Food safety <u>Requesting office</u>: MOAC/FDA

(b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin

<u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped

Requesting office: FDA

2.8 Processed or Frozen Seafood

(a) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Sanitation and Free Sale

Purpose of the certificate: Food Safety

Requesting office: FDA

(b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin

<u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped.

Requesting office: FDA

2.9 Hides and Skins

(a) Name of Certificate: Health Certificate

Purpose of the certificate: Animal Health Protection

Requesting office: DLD

(b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin

<u>Purpose of the certificate</u>: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped.

Requesting office: DLD

2.10 All canned or preserved meat and poultry products

(a) Name of Certificate: FSIS Export Certificate

Purpose of the certificate: Assure Heat Treatment

Requesting office: FDA

(b) Name of Certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped.

Requesting office: FDA

2.11 Distillers Dried Grain

(a) Name of certificate: Phytosanitary Certificate

Purpose of the certificate: Plant health control and protection

Requesting office: DLD

(b) Name of certificate: Certificate of Origin

Purpose of the certificate: To authenticate the country of origin of the merchandise being

shipped

Requesting office: DLD

SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

3.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format.

(b) Certificate of Origin

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
- The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.2 Popcorn

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format

(b) Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the negative result of GMO of sample products being tested
- The required format of the export certificate: No specific format

(c) Certificate of Origin

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
- The required format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.3 Fruit and Vegetable

- (a) Phytosanitary Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

(b) Certificate of Origin

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
- The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.4 Live Animals

(a) Animal Health Certificate

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
- The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.5 Pet foods

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any
 statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process
 that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free
 Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States);
 - The required format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.6 Boneless Beef and Poultry Meat and Products

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format.
- (b) Certificate of Origin
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (c) FSIS Export Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate & the request format:
 Please see appendix I
- (d) Letterhead Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate & the request format: please see appendix I
- (e) Export Verification (required only for boneless beef importation)
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate & the request format: please see appendix I

3.7 Other Processed Meat Product

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)

- The required format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (a) Certificate of Origin
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.8 Processed or Frozen Seafood

- (a) Certificate of Sanitation and Free Sale
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the wholesomeness of the product and manufacturing process that meets Good Manufacturing Process (GMP) or equivalent (i.e., Certificate of Free Sale and Sanitation in the case of the United States)
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (d) Certificate of Origin
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.9 Hides and skins

- (a) Health Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate:

The products originate from animals which:

- 1. have shown no sign of anthrax during ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections;
- 2. come from establishments which are not placed under quarantine on account anthrax control.
- The request format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (b) Certificate of Origin
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.10 All canned or preserved meat and poultry products

- (a) FSIS Export Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate:
 - The canned or preserved meat and poultry products are heat treated and achieve commercial sterility (shelf stability) in accordance with FSIS canning regulations cited in 9 CFR 318.300 and 381.300.
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format
- (b) Certificate of Origin

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
- The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

3.11 Distillers Dried Grain

- (a) Phytosanitary Certificate
 - Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: There is no specific
 attestation statement. Any statements that indicates that plant product is considered to
 be free from quarantine pests, and to conform with current phytosanitary requirements
 of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests
 - The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

(b) Certificate of Origin

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Varying for different products
- The request format of the export certificate: No specific format

SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Fifty-four Items of Unprocessed and Processed Food

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
 - Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.2 Popcorn

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiply shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

 Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(b) Commodity Certificate Submitted Sample Inspection

- Specific declaration (attestation) required on the certificate: Not required. Any statements that indicate the negative result of GMO of sample products being tested
- The required format of the export certificate: No specific format

(d) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.3 Fruit and Vegetable

- (a) Phytosanitary Certificate
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment
 - The certificate must be endorsed by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thailand does not accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance;
 - Thailand does not accept a U.S. State issued export certificate

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.4 Live Animals

- (a) Animal Health Certificate
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment
 - The certificate must be endorsed by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thailand does not accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance
 - Thailand does not accept a U.S. State issued export certificate

4.5 Pet foods

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiple shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

 Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

4.6 Boneless Beef and Poultry Meat and Products

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiple shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
 - Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(c) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

(d) FSIS Export Certificate

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid only for the particular shipment
- The plant number specified must be correlated with Letterhead Certificate and USDA Export verification
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

(d) Letterhead Certificate

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry;
- The certificate is valid only for the particular shipment
- The plant number specified must be correlated with FSIS Export Certificate and USDA Export verification
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
- (f) Export Verification (required only for boneless beef importation)
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid only for the particular shipment
 - The plant number and FSIS Export Certificate number specified must be correlated with FSIS Export Certificate and Letterhead Certificate

 Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.7 Other Processed Meat Products

- (a) Certificate of Free Sale
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiple shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
 - Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(e) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.8 Processed/ Frozen Seafood

- (a) Certificate of Sanitation and Free Sale
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for one year and can also be applied to multiple shipments of the identical product
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
 - Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.9 Hides and skins

- (a) Health Certificate
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate
 - Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
 - Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.10 All canned or preserved meat and poultry products

(a) FSIS Export Certificate

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate
- Thailand accepts a U.S. State issued export certificate when officially certified of authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand
- Thailand does not accept a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

4.11 Distillers Dried Grain

- (a) Phytosanitary Certificate
 - The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
 - The certificate is valid as indicated on that certificate, otherwise valid for the indicated shipment
 - The certificate must be endorsed by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thailand does not accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance;
 - Thailand does not accept a U.S. State issued export certificate

(b) Certificate of Origin

- The original certificate needs to accompany the product at the time of entry
- Thailand accepts a Suppliers or Manufacturers Export Declaration as proof of compliance only when that declaration is officially certified an authenticity by the authorized staff in the embassy of the exporting country in Thailand

SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

Although the Thai FDA has imposed bans on certain food products, nearly all products are allowed entry into Thailand. However, the importation of these eligible products is subject to one or more of additional requirements/procedures, including an import permit, product registration,

and food labeling. Details of these conditions are available in <u>TH8120</u> report (FAIRS report for 2008).

In addition, both the DOA and the DLD require import permits. The procedure of import permit issuance has been, at times, non-transparent for certain pork and poultry products. The DLD agreed in principle (without official writing) to accept a "system audit" instead of its earlier requirement of "individual plan audit". However, the DLD added the requirement that exporting countries of animal and animal products must complete the DLD's questionnaires for approval before the DLD send its team to conduct on-site inspection in each exporting country.

APPENDIX I ELECTRONIC COPY OR OUTLINE OF EACH EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Outline of Export Certificate as Defined under the FSIS Export Library http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/Thailand Reguirements/index.asp

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